

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/921,529

Applicant(s)

SYMONS ET AL.

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/31/01.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 31 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/15/02, 4/18/02
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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Allowable subject matter

Claims 1-16 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art neither discloses nor suggests the following limitations, in combination with the remaining elements disclosed in claims 1, 7 and 12:

- each successive cavity resonates at a progressively-lower RF resonance frequency to maintain approximate resonance of the pulses of charged particles, with the respective RF resonance frequency of each the successive cavity decreasing substantially equal increments corresponding to a difference frequency, and the pulses of the charged particles being emitted in correspondence with the difference frequency such as required by claims 1, 7, and 12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Symons (6,617,810), another applicant's patent discloses a related invention but is not able to construct neither obviousness-type nor non-obviousness-type double patenting rejections against the claimed invention.

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Smith et al. (6,107,628) discloses an apparatus for directing ions into a region under vacuum comprising a series of elements within a region maintained at a pressure, and each having successively larger apertures forming an ion funnel.

Billen (5,578,909) discloses a coupled cavity drift tube linac comprising a plurality of cavities, an electron source, magnetic coils and resonant mode.

Friedman (4,215,291) discloses a collective particle accelerator comprising a plurality of cavities, ions or electron source, magnetic coils. However, they all fail to disclose that each successive cavity resonates at a progressively-lower RF resonance frequency to maintain approximate resonance of the pulses of charge particles, and RF resonance frequency being decreased in substantially equal increments according to a difference frequency.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Wilson Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-1824.

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